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#### PATENTS

## RELEVANCE

U.S. Patent No. 5,697,723

Discloses a joint assembly.

U.S. Patent No. 6,010,274

Discloses a method and apparatus for attaching a

stud to a member.

Respectfully submitted,

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